

THE FAIR!

THE TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL FAIR
A SUCCESS AS USUAL.

The Largest Attendance on Wednesday—
Good Exhibits—Fine Trotting—Successful
Balloon Ascention, Etc.

As stated in our last issue, Tuesday, Sept. 22, the first day of the fair, a day when nothing in particular is on the docket, aside from the entering and arranging of exhibits, was a bleak, wet day; but it spite of that fact the entry list in all departments, not including the race entries, was brought up to about six hundred, which must be admitted is remarkably good, everything considered. People were coming and going all the while and by nightfall there was a fair-like look upon everything. It is generally the case that

FLORAL HALL

gets into line the quickest, and so it was this year. While the entries in the ladies' fancy goods department were not so numerous as they sometimes are, yet they were attractive and of unusual merit. As regards other exhibitions in the hall, it is seldom if ever that more are seen.

To take in the contents of the hall, just imagine yourself entering the south door, or the end facing the track, turn to your right and first you encounter the genial heat from a huge "Round Oak" wood stove, set up for the occasion for the benefit of the people, by Gile & Churchill of Morrisville. Here on the walls are the paintings, pastel drawings, amateur photographic work, etc. Mrs. Luce, the milliner from Morrisville, made an attractive display of trimmed headgear; there was noticed some choice cut flowers, some elaborate specimens of the engraver's art by C. A. Goozey of Johnson; and a large assortment of eye-glasses shown by Prof. Grant of White River Junction. Next we come to Col. G. W. Doty's elaborate showing of furniture, rugs, glass and crockery ware, brushes, etc. His booth was artistically arranged and reflected credit upon this long established furniture house. Next beyond, Messrs. Nelson & Daniel of Hardwick exhibited a huge granite globe of extra quality stone and handsomely polished. It came from the Stearns' quarry in Hardwick and was brought to its present condition by the above-named firm. The north-east corner was taken up by a display of ranges and heating stoves, shown by that enterprising hardware firm Messrs. Gile & Churchill of Morrisville. Striking the center table on the return trip to the place where we entered we find first a general fruit display, including that of Luther Putnam of Cambridge, who always is at the front on the apple question. Next is a floral display, while the centre beyond is taken up by the general display of ornamental needle work, etc.

In the south-west corner, beyond the Superintendent's desk and within easy grasp of that hungry official, could be seen the tempting array of domesticated products, such as pies, cakes, breads, fruit, jellies, etc., enough to give a regiment the dyspepsia. Close at hand on the west side was a very artistically gotten up booth filled with the product of the studio of W. E. Pierce, the Morrisville photographer. Cowles' music display was next on deck, presided over by Harry Cowles, Charles Wallace and Miss Wallace as organist. Their display of pianos and organs, included several standard makes, and indicated that they are up to date. Bailey's music rooms, H. W. Hall manager, at Burlington, had a full showing of the popular instruments which they handle. Mr. DuBois, Mr. Antoine and Mr. Robar were there, the latter the wonderful blind pianist. By the north stairway, Walter Pike of Morrisville showed specimens of his skill in the cutting of marble and granite. He is doing a thrifty little business in the stone line without much flourish.

In the west wing the first thing to greet the eye was the immense display of bicycles and bicycle goods made by the hustling dealers, Cowles & Hardy of Morrisville. On the north side, E. G. Wilson of the "depot store" Morrisville filled his allotted space with a very attractive furniture show. Next to him were some new fangled washing machines, shown by Mr. Whitcomb of Cambridge. One of the largest exhibits in the hall was that made by Mr. Keeler the all-around hardware man of Hyde Park. It was gotten up in an attractive shape and occupied the north-west corner of the wing. W. W. Delano, Jr., representing the Vermont Farm Machine Co. of Bellows Falls, made his usual large showing of separators, butter workers, churns, milk tests, etc., filling the south-west corner. C. F. Smith showed separators next to this, and then there were sample of butter packages, and of stair and veranda wood finish, shown by B. B. Blake, of Marcy & Blake, Eden. George Baker of Johnson and Mrs. Green served up shreaded wheat rolls and coffee in a dainty decorated booth. The Water's butter worker was there, and the patent bits for tapping maples, and the patent sap spouts and tub hangers and covers were shown by Mr. Foster of Cabot, the patentee. His devices attracted the attention of sugar-makers and seem to be very practical in the design. With the central portion taken with the show of vegetables, honey, maple sugar, butter, grain, etc., and the west end sheltering the egg beater display the

rounds of the hall are completed and who says it wasn't a first-rate show, and now why not start right off by saying that

THE SECOND DAY

was one of the most successful in every way that has been recorded to the credit of the grounds. The sky was clear and the sun shone, but it was a bitter cold wind, but this did not keep the five thousand and more people from turning out and spending the day at one of the best fairs Lamotte valley has seen. People came early and staid late; they had to stay late in order to see the balloon go up, but when it did come to pass,

THE BALLOON ASCENSION

was an unqualified success in every way. We commence at this end of the day as we wish to straighten in the minds of the people the only feature of the day with which they could have reason to find fault. The delay in the ascension of Prof. Platon and Miss DeHaven was beyond control. It should be remembered that the latter day balloonist inflates the great bag simply with hot air, caught over a pipe running from an underground arch. The balloonist's chief troubles were two in number, the extreme cold air upon the outside surface of the balloon and the thoughtless crowding up, yelling and general annoyance of the immense crowd. Those who remained until the inflation was sufficient to carry two persons were well repaid for their trouble. Nothing could have been more successful and satisfactory than the ascension and parachute jump. At an altitude of about four hundred feet a small red, white and blue parachute to which was fastened a block of wood, was cut loose and floated gracefully to the earth.

Next Miss DeHaven cut loose from the balloon. There was a rapid descent for fifty feet, when the parachute opened and she floated gracefully down into the cornfield across the road and to the south-east of the grounds. Prof. Platon and the balloon shot rapidly up after her departure, and he gained a high elevation, then cut loose making a very successful landing farther over to the south-east. The balloon thus left alone drifted over at a high altitude, and finally came to the earth, and was later found in a tree top well toward the summit of Elmore mountain. The crowd was a little impatient, but the balloonist's got off as soon as it was possible. It was a thoroughly well conducted ascension, entirely satisfactory to the management. The two ascensionists are in the employ of Mrs. Williamson of New York, who conducts the business in a business like way.

FLORAL HALL PREMIUM LIST.

Pastel drawing, Mrs. E. W. Webster, Morrisville; 2d, Mrs. Geo. Tillotson, Morrisville. Velvet quilt, Mrs. L. M. Bailey, Morrisville. Quilt, Mrs. L. E. White, Morrisville. Centerpiece, Mrs. H. L. Stevens, Wolcott. Picture throw, Mrs. Joseph Holmes, Morrisville.

Child's cloak, Mrs. Stafford, Morrisville. Keyboard, Minnie Thompson, Morrisville. Sideboard centerpiece, Mrs. E. W. Webster, Morrisville. Centerpiece, Mrs. C. H. Slocum, Morrisville; Mrs. Barney, Morrisville.

Table set, Mrs. Geo. Tillotson. Crocheted skirt, Mrs. W. H. Robinson, Morrisville. Hammock, Daisy LeBaron, Morrisville. Bureau scarf, Mrs. J. A. Robinson, Morrisville.

Ladies' apron, Miss Linnie Holbrook, Belvidere. Sofa pillow, Mrs. D. I. Brown, Morrisville. Crazy sofa pillow, Mrs. L. C. Terrill, Morrisville; 2d, Mrs. Morris Wood, Morrisville.

Cushion, Mrs. P. W. Shaw, Morrisville. Piano cover, Mrs. Joseph Holmes, Morrisville. Table scarf, silk lambrequin, Mrs. H. E. Wheelock, Morrisville.

Pincushion, Mrs. L. C. Terrill. Large Afghan, crocheted, Mrs. J. H. Warren, Morrisville. Large Afghan, Mrs. W. F. Waters, Johnson. Carriage Afghan, Mrs. A. J. Smith, Morrisville.

Infant's crocheted Afghan, Mrs. Edna Skinner, Morrisville. Infant's Afghan, Mrs. E. B. Griswold, Morrisville. Ladies' crocheted shawl, Mrs. Geo. Tillotson.

Infant's crocheted shawl, Mrs. Stafford. Kilt slippers, Mrs. J. T. Jewett, Morrisville. Table mats, Mrs. C. L. Shaw, Morrisville. Toilet mats, Josie Thompson, Morrisville. Lace handkerchief, Mrs. E. W. Webster.

Tidy, Bessie Balch, Hyde Park. Lace, Lula Niles, Morrisville. Crocheted lace, Mrs. E. W. Whitcomb, Hyde Park. Flower painting, Mrs. O. R. Luce, Morrisville; 2d, Mrs. Geo. Tillotson.

Collection of china painting, Mrs. E. W. Webster. Stocking yarn, Mrs. E. W. Whitcomb. Ladies' knit mittens, Mrs. S. C. Scribner, Johnson.

Gent's knit mittens Mrs. E. W. Whitcomb. "hose," "Ladies' knit hose Mrs. Scribner. Ladies' leggings, Linnie Holbrook. Infant's fannel blanket, Mrs. Edna Skinner.

Child's dress, Mrs. Stafford. Infant's skirt, Mrs. Geo. Tillotson. Handkerchiefs, Mrs. Ladeau, Morrisville. Pillow cases, Mrs. C. S. Brennan, Johnson. Tidy, Miss Mand Holmes, Morrisville. Stamp plate, Mrs. Edna Skinner.

Handkerchief case, Lula Niles. Cut flowers, Mrs. J. T. Jewett, Morrisville. Doily, Mrs. E. W. Whitcomb. Tray cloth, Mrs. Emma Wheeler, Wolcott. Point lace set, Mrs. E. W. Whitcomb. Scarfs, Ettie Goodale, Morrisville.

Collection of plants; collection of paintings; Mrs. T. S. Seaver, Cady's Falls. Broom-holder, Mrs. C. B. Terrill, Cady's Falls. Bedspread, Mrs. L. F. White. Canned raspberries, Mrs. L. F. Rice, Morrisville.

Canned blueberries; canned apples; Mrs. J. H. Gray, Hyde Park. Apple jelly, Mrs. A. C. Hill, Morrisville. Braided rug, Mrs. A. A. Niles, Morrisville; 2d, Mrs. Wallace Davis, Wolcott.

Tufted rug, Mrs. B. G. Blake, Hyde Park. Button rug, Mrs. Levi Hardy, Morrisville; 2d, Mrs. Rob't McDaniels, Morrisville. Knit rug, Mrs. Hardy, Morrisville. Drawn rug, Mrs. Stafford; 2d, Mrs. A. C. Hill, Morrisville.

Crocheted bedspread, Mrs. C. L. Shaw. Knit bedspread, Mrs. Lyon, Morrisville. Log cabin quilt, Mrs. C. B. Terrill; 2d, Mrs. Mary Chatterton, Morrisville. Patchwork quilt, Mrs. F. O. Lunt, Waterville.

Silk patchwork quilt, Mary A. Bailey, Morrisville; 2d, Mrs. L. M. Bailey. Sweet pickles, Mrs. C. H. Sargent, Johnson. Apple jelly; apple pie; Mrs. J. H. Gray. Wheat bread, Mrs. Austin; Cady's Falls. Doughnuts, Mrs. J. H. Gray. Grapes, Everett Allen, Morrisville.

THE RACES

of Wednesday included the 3:00 class, 2:27 class and mile novice bicycle race, the heats being given alternately. The horse, "Baron Brown" was exhibited, and some very good trick bicycle riding was done by Harry Ferrigo of St. Johnsbury. In the judge's stand George H. Thomas of Sheldon, the popular starter, held sway, assisted by Dr. Robble, E. W. Webster and E. E. Harris, while the official record was looked after by W. H. Robinson. In the basement, Dana Hutchins, as of yore, weighed off the drivers, saw to their numbers, etc. Six starters took the word in the

THREE MINUTE CLASS.

Lizzie Phelps having the pole. John Utton was behind Ellice, his bike inflated tire came off long before the first half, when he coolly caught it by one hand holding it up from flopping and drove the heat with the other, taking second place with Lizzie Phelps, driven by Fred Utton, first. This is the summary:—
Felice, b. m., John Utton..... 2 1 1 1
Lizzie Phelps, b. m., W. J. Phelps..... 1 4 6 6
Bell Hender, c. m., F. A. Shayton..... 3 3 4 2
Snow Bird, b. m., J. A. Moulton..... 3 2 5 5
Daniel K., b. g., Kittredge..... 6 5 2 4
Nancy D., b. m., Pomroy..... 4 3 3 3
Time 2:27; 2:35; 2:31½; 2:32¼.

THE TWO-THIRTY-SEVEN CLASS

brought four onto the track. Parker John drew the pole and it remained his throughout the race. This is the how it is:—
Parker John, b. g., A. R. Batchelder..... 1 1 1 1
Felix, b. m., F. A. Shayton..... 1 4 6 6
Dunge, b. s., A. E. Rooney..... 4 3 3
Corbett, c. s., H. T. Ball..... 3 4 4
Time 2:29¼; 2:26; 2:26¼.

In the one mile novice bicycle race there were three starters. The first mile was made in 2:59 and the second in 3:33. Henry J. King took first, W. P. Richardson second, and Leon A. King third.

The first day passed in a cold air was after all filled with attractions. A stroll around revealed the fact that there were never so many people trying to do business of all sorts. Around the hall was a large display of sugar utensils, farm machinery, wagons, etc. Here also was the poultry exhibit. Meandering through the horse, sheep, swine, and general cattle sheds, it was possible to run up against some very fine specimens, and with a very creditable showing. Time and space does not permit us to go into the full covering of these features, a scrutiny of our premium lists will show the reader who exhibited to a purpose and result.

(Continued on page 4.)

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STOWE.

Additional Stowe news on page 4. Nearly all of Stowe went to the fair last Wednesday.

The law-suit between Frank Downer and the Bingham estate is declared off.

Mrs. V. P. Macutchan and Mrs. C. M. Warts visited friends at East Brattleboro recently.

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Amount at risk	\$40,760,742.00 in 1895
Increased to	44,391,744.00 in 1896
Premium notes	2,921,485.68 in 1895
Increased to	3,240,414.68 in 1896
Balance on hand	19,976.31 in 1895
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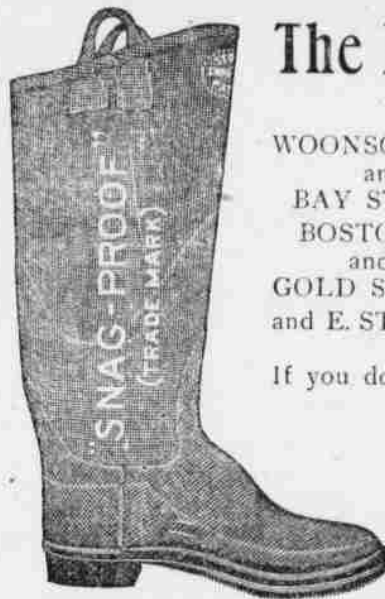
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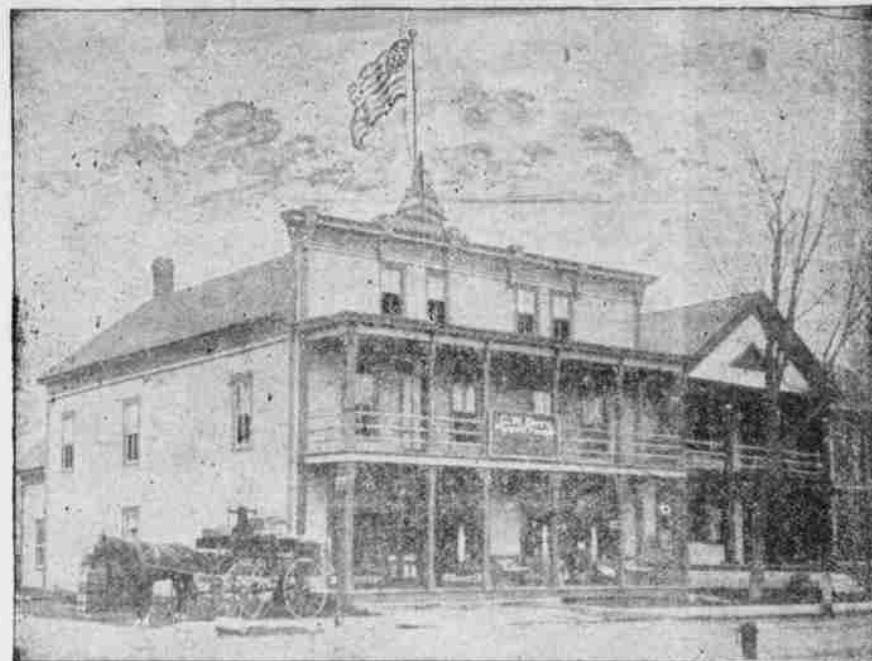
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